

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 12 July 61 13/0350Z	2. LOCATION San Antonio, Texas
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (MOON)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Yellow crescent shaped object appearing to split into two halves disappearing alternately and reappearing joined together, in unbroken crescent shape. Observation at 15 deg elevation 270 deg azimuth. Object appeared to shift position horizontally within 15 quadrant and to change elevation 5 degrees up and down. Observation from moving auto. No visual aids. Thunderstorms in SE quadrant. Shallow inversion. Zebra time converted from day, while time of sighting reported as night.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Mental	
7. COURSE Splitting	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	COMMENTS: See analysis of investigating officer. <u>MOON</u> added effects of inversion also a contributing factor. Case evaluated as observation of the Moon under unusual conditions.
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-5, DIA-15 (32)
SMB A066

ZRHQC773ZCOWJC742

RR RUEAHQ

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R 151930Z

FM 3510TH FLY TNG WG RANDOLPH AFB TEX

TO RUWGALE/ADC

RUCARG/29TH AIR DIVISION RICHARDS GEBEUR AFB MO

RUEAGL/AFSC

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF AFNIN WASH DC

RUEAHQ/SECY AF SAFOI WASH DC

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UFO. REF PARA 14, AFR 200-2, UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

A (1) CRESCENT

(2) BASEBALL

(3) YELLOW

(4) ONE

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) NONE

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(8) NONE

(9) CRESCENT SHAPE APPEARED TO SPLIT INTO HALVES
WITH TOP AND BOTTOM HALVES DISAPPEARING ALTER-
NATELY THEN TO RESUME ORIGINAL UNBROKEN CRESG
CENT SHAPE

B. (1) CASUAL OBSERVATION

(2) APPROX 15 DEGREES ELEVATION, 270 DEGREES MAG-
NETIC FROM OBSERVER.

(3) NOT OBSERVED.

(4) OBJECT APPEARED TO SHIFT POSITION HORIZONTALLY
WITHIN NORTHWEST QUADRANT AND TO CHANGE ELEV-
ATION APPROX FIVE DEGREES UP AND DOWN.

(5) NOT OBSERVED.

(6) APPROX FIFTEEN MINUTES.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL FROM MOVING AUTO

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS

(3) N/A

D. (1) 2150Z, 12 JULY 1964.

(2) NIGHT.

E. (1) 98 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST BY 29 DEGREES

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31 MINUTES NORTH: INTERSECTION LOOP 410 AND
US HWY 281 ON NORTH CENTRAL OUTSKIRTS OF
SAN ANTONIO.

F. (1) CIVILIAN; [REDACTED], SAN
ANTONIO, TEXAS, SALESMAN, FAIRLY RELIABLE.

G. (1) CLEAR WITH SOME CLOUDS. NO RAIN.

(2) 24TH WEATHER SQ, RANDOLPH AFB, WEATHER REPORT:

WINDS	DEGREES	KNOTS	DIRECTION
6,000	140	20	SE
10,000	160	20	SSE
16,000	130	10	S
30,000	200	15	ESW
50,000	220	20	SW
30,000	N/A	N/A	N/A

(3) ESTIMATED 12,000 BROKEN, HIGH BROKEN.

(4) TWENTY MILES PLUS.

(5) 0/10 SC LOW CLOUDS, 6/10 AC MIDDLE CLOUDS,
3/10 CS HIGH CLOUDS.

(6) FEW THUNDERSTORMS IN DISTANT SE MOVING S.

(7) SHALLOW INVERSION APPROX 1500 FT DUE TO COLD

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FRONTAL PASSAGE AT 1630 CST 12 JULY. BALANCE
OF GRADIENT NORMAL.

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. NONE.

K. FLYING SAFETY OFFICER; PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS
INDICATES THE UFO TO HAVE BEEN THE QUARTER MOON
NEAR MOONSET. THE AIR ALMANAC INDICATES THE MOON
WOULD HAVE BEEN CRESCENT SHAPED ON THIS DATE, SLI-
GHTLY ABOVE THE HORIZON, AND AT AN AZIMUTH OF 280
DEGREES AT THE TIME AND LOCATION OF SIGHTING. ^{INVERSION} LOW
CLOUDS AND/OR GROUND OBJECTS PROBABLY CAUSED THE
APPARENT SPLITTING, DISAPPEARING, AND FRAGMENTING
OF THE UFO. THE APPARENT SHIFTING OF THE OBJECT
WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY THE VARYING DIRECTIONS
TAKEN BY THE OBSERVER WHILE DRIVING WHO AT NO TIME
STOPPED THE AUTO FOR OBSERVATION. THE OBSERVER
DISCLAIMS ANY CIVILIAN OR MILITARY TRAINING WHICH
WOULD MAKE HIM A SKILLED OBSERVER OF AERONAUTICAL
OR METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA. QUERIES TO MILITARY

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AND CIVILIAN AGENCIES IN THIS AREA REFLECT NO
ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE OBJECT TO BE
OF AN AEROSPACE NATURE.

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NOTE: ADV CY TO DIA & NIN.